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Abstract

The Change of Transforming Growth Factor- α Expression and the Effect of Vitamin E in the Acute Rat Liver Injury with Carbon Tetrachloride

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Background/Aims: The evaluation of the relationship between oxidative stress induced by acute carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄) administration and transforming growth factor- α (TGF- α), and the investigation of temporal patterns of serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and TGF- α expression which may clarify the pathogenesis of CCl₄ induced liver injury and thus the mechanism of liver fibrogenesis. The aim of this study was to investigate TGF- α expression in rats with acute CCl₄ injury and effect of vitamin E (vit. E) on TGF- α expression. **Methods:** Sixty male Sprague-Dawley rats had a single intraperitoneal injection of CCl₄, of which 30 rats had daily intraperitoneal injection of vit. E, starting from 2 days before CCl₄ treatment until the time of their sacrifice. The group of rats with CCl₄ injection only was designated as group 1 and the group of rats with vit. E combined treatment was designated as group 2. Five rats from each group were sacrificed before and 8, 16, 32, 48, 60 hours after CCl₄ injection, and their serum ALT, serum TGF- α , and hepatic expression of TGF- α were examined. **Results:** The serum ALT levels were highest at 32 hours after CCl₄ injection in both groups, serum TGF- α levels did not show any statistically significant changes after CCl₄ injection in both groups, and TGF- α expression in the livers was highest at 32 hours after CCl₄ injection in both groups. In the multiple regression analysis of vit. E's effect on serum ALT levels, serum TGF- α levels and hepatic TGF- α expression, only serum ALT level (p=0.049) and hepatic TGF- α expression (p=0.015) showed statistically significant suppression. **Conclusion:** Oxidative stress seems to play a role in the pathogenesis of hepatic fibrogenesis by increasing TGF- α expression in early acute liver damage. and vit. E may be effective in reducing acute liver injury and hepatic fibrogenesis. (Korean J Hepatol 2000;6:147- 155)

Key Words: Carbon tetrachloride, Acute liver injury, TGF- α , Vitamin E

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◇ Abbreviations: TGF- α , transforming growth factor- α ; CCl₄, carbon tetrachloride; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; Vit E, vitamin E.

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CCl₄ (carbon tetrachloride, CCl₄) E 가
^{11,12}가 , CCl₄
¹ CCl₄가
 (oxidative stress) TGF-₁
 CCl₄ (pro-oxidant)
 CCl₄가 micr- E
 osomal cytochrome P-450 trichloromethyl
 free radical (CCl₃[·]) trichlor-
 omethylperoxy radical (CCl₃O₂[·]) , 가
 radical TGF-₁ 가 ^{13,14} , CCl₄
 TGF-
 CCl₄ 가
 (lipid peroxidation) , E TGF-₁
 malondialdehyde 가가 collagen ₁(I) mRNA
³
 Transforming growth factor-₁(TGF-₁)
 TGF-₁
 TGF-₁
^{4,5}
 TGF-₁ E 가 TGF-₁
 가가 type I collagen 가 ,
 TGF-₁ TGF-₁
 가
^{1,6-8} CCl₄ 1.
 Kupffer 100 g Sprague-Dawley
 가 가 TGF-₁ 60 30 1
₁(I) procollagen CCl₄ (mineral oil) 1 3
 가 , TGF-₁ kg 2 mL 2
 paracrine effect (hepatic CCl₄ , CCl₄
 stellate cell) 가가 2 kg 200
^{7,9} Kupffer mg E (-tocopherol: Sigma Chemical
 Co., St Louis, MO, USA)
 collagen ₁(I) mRNA 가 CCl₄ , 8 , 16
¹⁰ CCl₄ , 32 , 48 60 5
 TGF-₁ ,
 10% .

0.05
E ALT , TGF-₁ ,
TGF-₁
,
, (multiple regression)
p 0.05
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1. ALT
ALT (IU/L) 1 CCl₄
8, 16, 32, 48, 60 74 ± 20.7,
170 ± 54.3, 258 ± 83.5, 1,178 ± 381.3, 274 ± 174.0, 92
± 74.0 , 2 64 ± 21.9, 152 ±
58.9, 156 ± 62.3, 576 ± 141.5, 70 ± 35.4, 62 ± 55.4
. CCl₄ 32
ALT 가 가 가 (p<0.05)(
1), E ALT 가
가 (p=0.049)(1).
2. TGF-₁
TGF-₁ (pg/ml) 1 CCl₄
8, 16, 32, 48, 60
1,664.37 ± 135.55, 1,654.21 ± 144.20, 1,924.18 ± 52.23,
1,763.05 ± 82.33, 1,677.52 ± 111.77, 1,711.50 ± 189.53
, 2 1,548.84 ± 205.82, 1,731.64
± 164.34, 1,511.74 ± 248.77, 1,078.64 ± 176.68, 1,102.10
± 368.02, 1,532.63 ± 298.95 . 1 CCl₄
16 가 TGF-₁

Figure 1. Change of serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) concentrations according to time sequences in the group with carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄) injection (Group 1) and in the group with vitamin E supplementation before and after CCl₄ injection (Group 2). Results are mean ± SEM. There were statistically significant differences in ALT level of 16, 32, 48 hours after CCl₄ injection in group 1 and ALT level of 32 hours after CCl₄ injection in group 2 compared with that of time 0 (*p<0.05).

, 2
CCl₄ 8 가
CCl₄ (2). E
TGF-₁
(p=0.11)(1).
3. TGF-₁
400 TGF-
1 CCl₄
8, 16, 32, 48, 60 0.00
± 0.00, 1.97 ± 0.99, 2.51 ± 0.74, 11.71 ± 0.64, 5.27 ±
0.43, 2.43 ± 0.17 , 2 0.00 ±
0.00, 1.43 ± 0.42, 1.76 ± 0.59, 2.26 ± 0.44, 0.88 ± 0.54,
0.88 ± 0.37 . 1
CCl₄
32, 48
TGF-₁ 가
가 , 2
CCl₄
32
TGF-₁ 가
가 (p<0.05),

Table 1. Multiple Regression Analysis of Factors Influenced by Vitamin E

		95% Confidence Interval		P Value	R Square
Serum ALT level ^a	0.468	0.065	21.547	0.049 [*]	0.61
Serum TGF- ₁ ^b	0.474	-9.244	62.986	0.11	0.62
Serum TGF- ₁ ^c	0.483	0.263	1.966	0.015 [*]	0.75

ALT, Alanine Aminotransferase; TGF-₁, Transforming Growth Factor-₁;

^{a,b,c}, All dependent variables were transformed in square rooted values; ^{*}, p<0.05

CCl₄ 32 TGF- β_1 ALT 가 CCl₄ 가
 가 (p<0.05). E 32
 TGF- β_1 , TGF- β_1
 (p=0.015)(1)(4A, 4B).

Figure 2. Change of serum transforming growth factor- β_1 (TGF- β_1) concentrations according to time sequences in the group with carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄) injection (Group 1) and in the group with vitamin E supplementation before and after CCl₄ injection (Group 2). Results are mean \pm SEM, expressed in pg/ml. There were no significant changes in the TGF- β_1 levels compared to the time 0 in both groups.

Figure 4A. Immunohistochemical study for transforming growth factor- β_1 (TGF- β_1) in the liver of male Sprague-Dawley rats 32 hr after carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄) injection only (LSAB, X400).

Figure 3. Transforming growth factor- β_1 (TGF- β_1) expression in the liver of the group with carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄) injection (Group 1) and of the group with vitamin E supplementation before and after CCl₄ injection (Group 2). Results are mean \pm SEM, expressed in positive cells/400 hpf (high power field). There were no positively stained cells at the time 0 in both groups. There were statistically significant differences in number of positively stained cells at 32, 48 hours after CCl₄ injection in group 1 and at 32 hours after CCl₄ injection in group 2 compared with that of time 0 (*p<0.05).

CCl₄

Figure 4B. Immunohistochemical study for transforming growth factor- β_1 (TGF- β_1) in the liver of male Sprague-Dawley rats 32 hr after carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄) injection with vitamin E supplementation before and after CCl₄ injection (LSAB, X400). The number of TGF- β_1 positive cells with brownish cytoplasmic expression was significantly lower in group 2 (B) compared to group 1 (A).

CCl₄ 32
 가
 .
 CCl₄
 ALT
 TGF- β_1 CCl₄ 48
 3,7,9

24 가¹⁰ E가
ALT^{11,18,19}
TGF-₁ ALT TGF-₁
32 가
가
E type I collagen
ALT 가²⁰ allyl alcohol
^{11,15} 가 collagen_{1(I)}
가 가³
^{11,12,16} CCl₄ 가
E가 TGF-₁ TGF-₁
6,21
E가 TGF-₁
CCl₄
CCl₃ free radical E CCl₄
가 TGF-₁
E CCl₄가 cytochrome P-450 TGF-₁ CCl₄
E
CCl₄ reactive oxygen species TGF-₁
TGF-₁ paracrine autocrine
E
TGF-₁ Nakat-
E가 CCl₄ reactive oxygen sukasa⁷ Rosensweig²²
species
TGF-₁ 가 C
TGF-₁ type I collagen 가가 TGF-₁
가 가^{14,23}
TGF-₁ 가 TGF-₁ 가 가
^{7,8,17}
E TGF-₁²⁴ TGF-₁ TGF-₁
E가 가₁
TGF-₁ 가
가 E TGF-₁
ALT
TGF-₁ 400
CCl₄ 가가 E TGF-₁
가 type I collagen 가

Sprague-Dawley 60 30

1 CCl₄

2 CCl₄

2 E

가 CCl₄ 8,

Kupffer 16, 32, 48 60 5

TGF- β ALT , TGF- β

가 TGF- β

Kupffer ALT CCl₄

32 가 가

가 가 ,^{3,25} (p<0.05), TGF- β CCl₄

TGF- β 가

가²⁶⁻²⁸ TGF- β 가 ,

Kupffer , TGF- β

CCl₄ 32 가 (p<0.05).

Kupffer CD68 E ALT

TGF- β

(p=0.049),(p=0.015), TGF- β

(p=0.11).

CCl₄

: (CCl₄) TGF- β 가

, E

TGF- β

. CCl₄ 가 E

(pro-oxidant) 가

, CCl₄ 가

transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β)

1)

TGF- β CCl₄

TGF- β

CCl₄

alanine aminotransferase(ALT) TGF- β

E

: 100 g

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